

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1 and 2 (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) A condom assembly comprising:

a condom having a tubular region with an opening and having an inside diameter; and

a ring on which the tubular region of the condom is rolled, with the opening of the tubular region of the condom expanded by the ring, wherein the ring comprises:

a rigid ring ~~having~~ that is the core of the ring, wherein

the rigid ring has an outside diameter larger than the inside diameter of the tubular region of the condom, and

the rigid ring is sufficiently rigid to withstand compression by the condom[[],] without deformation;

a rotor that is ~~a~~ an annular hollow sheath covering the rigid ring, wherein

the rotor and the rigid ring have a common circular central axis lying within the rigid ring,

the rotor-being is rotatable about the common circular central axis with respect to the rigid ring, and

the rigid ring is separated from the condom by the rotor; and

a lubricant located within the rotor, between the rigid ring and the rotor, the ring being removable from the condom after unrolling of the condom from the ring by rotation of the rotor with respect to the rigid ring about the common circular central axis.

4. (Currently Amended) The condom assembly according to claim 3, wherein the tubular region of the condom includes at least two tubular regions having respective different inside diameters, and

the tubular region of the condom is rolled onto and off of the ring by rotation of the rotor with respect to the rigid ring with respect to the rigid ring about the common circular central axis.

5. (Previously Presented) The condom assembly according to claim 3, wherein the ring is removably attached at the opening of the tubular region of the condom.

6. (Previously Presented) The condom assembly according to claim 3, wherein the rigid ring is a material selected from the group consisting of metals, plastics, hard rubber, ceramics, and glass.

7. (Currently Amended) The condom assembly according to claim 3, wherein the rotor is a ~~material selected from the group consisting of~~ flexible rubber, metal, plastics, ceramics, and glass tube entirely covering the rigid ring.

8. (Currently Amended) The condom assembly according to claim ~~3~~ 7, wherein, when the flexible rubber tube is rotated around the common circular central axis with respect to the rigid ring, the rotor is bead-shaped flexible rubber tube expands at the outside the ring and is compressed at the inside of the ring.

Claims 9-12 (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) A ring on which a condom having a tubular region with an opening and an inside diameter may be rolled, the ring comprising:
a rigid ring ~~having~~ that is the core of the ring, wherein

the rigid ring has an outside diameter larger than the inside diameter of the tubular region of the condom, and

the rigid ring is sufficiently rigid to withstand compression by the condom[[,]] without deformation;

a rotor that is ~~a~~ an annular hollow sheath covering the rigid ring, wherein the rotor and the rigid ring have a common circular central axis lying within the rigid ring,

the rotor-being is rotatable about the common circular central axis with respect to the rigid ring, and

the rigid ring is separated from the condom by the rotor; and

a lubricant located within the rotor, between the rigid ring and the rotor, the ring being removable from the condom after unrolling of the condom from the ring by rotation of the rotor with respect to the rigid ring about the common circular central axis.

14. (Previously Presented) The ring according to claim 13, wherein the rigid ring of a material selected from the group consisting of metals, plastics, hard rubber, ceramics, and glass.

15. (Currently Amended) The ring according to claim 13, wherein the rotor is a ~~material selected from the group consisting of flexible rubber, metal, plastics, ceramics, and glass~~ tube entirely covering the rigid ring.

16. (Currently Amended) The ring according to claim ~~13~~ 15, wherein, when the flexible rubber tube is rotated around the common circular central axis with respect to the rigid ring, the rotor is bead-shaped flexible rubber tube expands at the outside the ring and is compressed at the inside of the ring.

Claims 17-19 (Cancelled).

20. (New) A condom assembly comprising:

a condom having a tubular region with an opening and having an inside diameter; and

a ring on which the tubular region of the condom is rolled, with the opening of the tubular region of the condom expanded by the ring, wherein the ring comprises:

a rigid ring that is the core of the ring, wherein

the rigid ring has an outside diameter larger than the inside diameter of the tubular region of the condom, and

the rigid ring is sufficiently rigid to withstand compression by the condom without deformation;

a flexible rubber tube that is an annular hollow sheath covering the rigid ring, wherein

the flexible rubber tube and the rigid ring have a common circular central axis lying within the rigid ring,

the flexible rubber tube is rotatable about the common circular central axis with respect to the rigid ring, and

the rigid ring is separated from the condom by the flexible rubber tube; and

a lubricant located within the flexible rubber tube, between the rigid ring and the flexible rubber tube, the ring being removable from the condom after unrolling of the condom from the ring by rotation of the flexible rubber tube with respect to the rigid ring about the common circular central axis.

21. (New) The condom assembly according to claim 20, wherein, when the flexible rubber tube is rotated around the common circular central axis with respect to the rigid ring, the flexible rubber tube expands at the outside the ring and is compressed at the inside of the ring.